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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.

Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:

Deputy Director for Requirements and Evaluation, ICS

SUBJECT:

Revision of Procedures for Interagency Intelligence

Assessments

REFERENCE:

Your Memo to NFIB dated 8 June 1987; Same Subject

This memorandum is for your information. It is a follow-up to our short conversation at the end of the 1 June NFIB meeting in which the Board discussed this subject.

Beyond all the good things which were said during the NFIB meeting about these procedures, I offer the following ideas relevant to DDR&E:

- NIC products should have a paragraph or a section which explicitly relates the document to U.S. policy or programmatic activities, including citation of relevant NSDDs.
- They should have a statement of knowledge gaps that surfaced in preparation of the assessment, as well as weaknesses in our analytic methodology or processes.
- They should have a bibliography.
- They ought to identify opportunities for the U.S., although I recognize this has to be done carefully and gracefully to avoid becoming policy prescriptions.
- They also ought to always include a section dealing with implications for the U.S., although I recognize that some documents will be nothing but a description of implications.

Moreover, the procedures need to have a little section which addresses the problems stemming from compartmentation. Some very important NIC products are directly affected by the extraordinary compartmentation associated with certain sensitive collection activities. The point, of course, is that U.S. intelligence knows both how to get everything down to TK, SI (GAMMA) in almost every case, as well as the necessity of doing so.

And, finally, I think the NIC should ensure that each NIO, Assistant NIO, and AG Officer has a copy of these procedures for use as their "Bible."

What more may I do for you here?

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